



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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COOL TEMPERATURES SLOWS CORN EMERGENCE

Cool temperatures and overcast days delayed hay harvest and slowed corn emergence. Air temperatures dropped into the 30's at night and minimal precipitation was recorded. There were **5.7 days suitable for field work**. Corn is emerging but is yellow due to the cold weather. Most **vegetable** transplants are being held for warmer weather.

Small grains were beginning to develop and were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 2 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 11 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 24 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	82	23	79	78
Wheat Headed	9	5	29	35
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	21	15	36	35
Cucumbers	15	8	16	19
Field Corn	56	30	57	49
Lima Beans	5	-	9	8
Potatoes	99	78	96	93
Snap Beans	7	5	27	17
Soybeans	4	-	4	6
Sweet Corn	55	25	46	44
Tomatoes	35	30	43	44
Watermelons	15	11	24	23
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	80	50	98	93
Peaches	77	70	97	96
Strawberries	73	63	91	86

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	1	11	83	5
Topsoil (2004)	-	2	90	8
Five Year Average	4	12	75	9
Subsoil Moisture	-	3	91	6
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	89	11
Five Year Average	3	15	75	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	14.44	0.89	71	34	52	-8
Easton	0.00	18.43	3.29	71	38	54	-8
Frederick	0.01	13.52	0.86	71	36	50	-7
Frostburg	0.13	15.14	-0.61	64	29	44	-10
Hagerstown	0.02	10.47	-2.04	68	35	50	-10
Mechanicsville	0.04	14.46	-0.76	70	34	50	-11
Patuxent River	0.27	13.85	0.28	67	38	54	-8
Ocean City	0.49	14.40	-1.40	66	34	51	-9
Salisbury	0.49	14.66	-0.68	68	29	50	-11
Sharpsburg	0.04	12.87	0.21	70	30	48	-9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	13.86	1.65	71	38	55	-9
Delaware							
Dover	0.20	15.39	0.78	68	37	52	-9
Georgetown	0.44	13.02	-2.12	67	35	52	-8
Wilmington	0.03	15.05	1.33	71	33	51	-8

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